

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-36 are pending in this application.

The Examiner requires restriction of the application to the invention of one of the following four groups:

Group I (claims 1-12, drawn to a seal structure);

Group II (claims 13-20, drawn to an insert defining a flow pathway);

Group III (claims 21-28, drawn to a needle and needle support); and

Group IV (claims 29-36, drawn to a method of providing a medicament).

The Examiner also requires applicants to elect for prosecution one of the following allegedly patentably distinct species of the claimed inventions:

Species I shown in FIG. 2A;

Species II shown in FIG. 2B;

Species III shown in FIG. 5A;

Species IV shown in FIG. 5B;

Species V shown in FIG. 5C;

Species VI shown in FIG. 5D;

Species VII shown in FIG. 6A;

Species VIII shown in FIG. 6B;

Species IX shown in FIG. 7;

Species X shown in FIG. 8A;

Species XI shown in FIG. 8B; and

Species XII shown in FIG. 9.

The Examiner said that currently no claim is generic.

Applicants' Reply

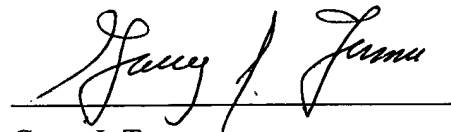
Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group IV (claims 29-36) and Species XII (shown in FIG. 9) for initial substantive examination. Claims 29-36 are believed to read on Species XII.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the inventions of the nonelected groups, as originally claimed, in one or more divisional applications.

Applicants understand that if a generic claim is allowed, applicants are entitled to consideration of claims drawn to nonelected species and subspecies that are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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